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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1

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The New Year and You

Every true Latter-day Saint is interested first in his spiritual welfare. Real progress comes only through individual effort and personal vigilance. After others—ever anxious to aid—have done all they can to assist us, we know that, finally, we alone are accountable for our own acts. We know, also, that the most persistent enemies of our spiritual advancement are within ourselves. Only as we can keep our minds and hearts filled with righteous, uplifting thoughts and acts can evil and error be kept in subjection.

Free agency is a priceless gift from God. However, it is like a two-edged sword, for with our power to choose we will our condemnation or our salvation. Every decision and action—either for right or wrong—involves the exercises of free agency. Salvation is attained by daily obedience to truth and persistent accomplishment of good deeds rather than spasmodic demonstrations of righteousness.

Now is a good time to check up on ourselves; meditate upon the accomplishments of the past; and lay plans for future activity. Numerous pertinent queries, similar to the following are now in order:

Am I making progress?

Do I seek for opportunity to serve?

Am I preparing myself by study, prayer, and intelligent activity, so that I may be a real asset to this great cause?

What will the records show to my credit when this year is ended?

Am I participating in all the activities of the Church?

We are living in trying times. "The night cometh when no man can work." While opportunity to serve, to teach, to testify and to participate is still here, let us make the most of it.

Let us be consistent Latter-day Saints.

W. AIRD MACDONALD
J. EDWARD JOHNSON
EUGENE HILTON
Stake Presidency

(*Ward Teachers' Topic for January*)

STAKE OFFICERS' MEETING JANUARY 15

Attention of all Stake workers and Priesthood Quorum Presidents and Secretaries, is called to the "Officers' Meeting" on the third Thursday of each month. This month it falls on January 15th.

The Stake board meetings should be attended at this time. Stake workers are busy people. Their time is valuable. Don't waste it. Avoid the unnecessary calling together of Stake boards. At this meeting, plans should be made and assignments given for the month's work.

Results depend upon leadership. Plan your work and then work your plan.

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CONVERT BAPTIZED

Raymond Edminster of San Francisco will be baptized at the regular baptismal services January 3rd, by Bishop C. W. Nalder. At the Stake conference last May, Bishop Nalder divided time with him, and this young man gave a very stirring testimony of tithing. He has been an ardent worker in Mutual, for the past two years acting as secretary. We welcome this young man into the Church.

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BAPTISMAL SERVICE

The first baptismal service in the font just completed in the Oakland Chapel was held Sunday afternoon, December 14, when 24 were baptized into the Church. Richmond, Berkeley and Dimond wards joined with Oakland and more than 150 were present. Pres. W. Aird Macdonald offered the dedicatory prayer.

The service was held Saturday evening, January 3, Bishop E. B. Jacobs officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Evans are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.

ATTENDANCE

Wards suffering from poor attendance at sacrament meetings will benefit by following the stride of the San Francisco ward. Every meeting is planned, and careful preparation is made both as to discourse and music. Ample announcements are made of the meetings for the month. A definite topic, with all parts correlated, bring to the congregation a spirited Gospel discourse, by a member of the bishopric. At the services December 28, there were 178 present, only 20 less than attended Sunday School that day. This is nearly 50% of the ward membership. Next ward?

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AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

The regular monthly meeting of the Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee with the ward supervisors will be held on the last Saturday of each month in connection with the Stake Priesthood meeting. One half hour will be spent with Aaronic Priesthood work and for the balance of the time we will meet with our respective Quorums. Let us have all wards represented each month. Come with your problems and we'll solve them together. Also tell us of your successes that all may profit by your experience and accomplishment.

Please watch this space for monthly objectives

January objective: "Find your membership."

Use the survey cards and complete your survey during January 1931. Locate all the boys and young men of the ward. Know their abilities and talents.

Use your lesser Priesthood Handbook. It contains many valuable helps and suggestions. Study it carefully!

Priesthood Quorums

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY MEETING

The programs for the monthly Quorum meetings for Saturday, January 31st, at 7:45 at Oakland Chapel.

HIGH PRIESTS
Community Singing
Current Events—Denzel Allen
Investment Banking—Willard D. Ellis
How to Determine a Sound Investment—Wm. A. Moody
Questions on the Topics—
Community Singing
Refreshment
Extemporaneous Stories

NOTE—It will be greatly appreciated if each ward group leader will send his present address and telephone number to Secretary T. M. Kranenberg, 1689 Fulton St., San Francisco, by January 10th.

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SEVENTIES
Community Singing
If You and I Were All Alone—President S. P. Kelly
The Seventy and the Gospel Doctrine Class—Hadley R. Hermance, Oakland
Vocal Solo—Vern Terry—Sunset
What's in Our Market Basket?—Chas. Cherrington, Dimond
Stories—R. A. Lakness, Edgar Morgenegg, Alex D. Edgar, and members
Refreshments—Hot Dogs with Trimmings

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FIRST ELDERS
Community Singing
Short Talk—Afton Eleason
'Cello Solos—Harvard Olson
Talk—Richard W. Young: "What Road Shall the Young Man Take?"
Community Singing
Humorous Stories—Three Volunteers
Refreshments

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SECOND ELDERS—(At San Francisco Chapel)
Retold Story—President Ernest W. Bosgieter
Solo—Francis J. Foster
Reading—Edward V. Pierson
Duet—Murlin R. Pendleton and Clarence T. Saxton, Sunset
Talk—Bp. Claude W. Nalder
Refreshments

TO GENEALOGICAL WORKERS

The "Drive" commenced last September was intended to net three complete sheets on each family in the Stake. Ward Committeemen will please see to it that all completed "One Family" and "Pedigree" sheets are turned in to President William A. Moody or President Henry E. Thomson before January 15th. Ward committees will see that the "Ward Survey Sheets" are kept in the Ward and filed with the committee secretary.

In no case is the work completed for any ward. The preliminary steps only have been taken. The next steps are further research in the field of progenitors and the actual doing of temple work.

Begin the New Year by giving more attention to the study of the lessons as outlined in the Genealogical Magazine. As evidenced by the articles in the Christmas News there seems to be a concerted effort on the part of our church to give increased attention to this phase of church activity in 1931. Particularily is the work to be stressed with the younger generation.

The Stake Genealogical Committee commends the Wards on the work thus far accomplished.

Deaths

BLAIR—Hattie Maude Blair, age 61, native of New York, died Dec. 30 after long illness. Faithful member and Relief Society worker of Berkeley. For years was the beloved "missionary mother of New York." Leaves husband, Thomas Blair, and daughter, Mrs. Ethel Berryman of Berkeley, and a son, Frank Blair of Payson, Utah. Funeral services held Jan. 3 from the Oakland Chapel, under direction of Bishop P. W. Dunyon.

PHELPS—Joseph Osborne Phelps, 40, of Dimond ward, struck and killed by automobile, Dec. 29th. Native of Montpelier, Idaho, where his parents reside. Artist of exceptional ability, well known in commercial art circles on Coast. Leaves a wife and two children, a brother, Rue O. Phelps, Dimond Sunday School superintendent, all residing in Oakland. Funeral services held Jan. 2, conducted by Bishop T. H. Robinson.

BABY BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Beukers of Berkeley rejoice over the arrival of an 8½ pound baby boy on December 20th. Mrs. Beukers, formerly Helen Ingham, was president of the Stake Y. L. M. I. A.

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John T. Lesueur of Mesa, Arizona spent the holidays visiting with his daughter, Mrs. W. Aird Macdonald of Oakland. He was formerly President of the Maricopa Stake.

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HONORABLE MENTION

For two-and-a-half Minute talks, in a Church-wide selection made by the Juvenile Instructor and awarded "Honorable Mention," Master Russell Ball of Berkeley was given first place in a list of twelve. Congretulations, Russell.

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SCHEDULE OF STAKE MEETINGS

All Stake meetings are held in the Oakland Chapel, corner of Moss Ave. and Webster street.

STAKE PRESIDENCY:
Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock.
HIGH COUNCIL:
Second and Fourth Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
STAKE OFFICERS' MEETING:
Third Thursday, 7:45 p.m.
STAKE PRIESTHOOD MEETING:
Last Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
STAKE UNION MEETINGS:
a. Relief Society, Bishopries, Genealogical, Second Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
b. M. I. A., Third Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
c. Sunday School, Primary, Fourth Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

Radio Programs

Chairman I. B. Ball announces the following topics for the Stake Radio broadcast for January over Station KTAB, Sunday afternoons, 1 to 1:30 o'clock:

Jan. 4—"The Coming of the Lord."
Jan. 11—"The Earth to Be Redeemed."
Jan. 18—"O Grave, Where Is Thy Victory?"
Jan. 25—"Freedom to Worship God."

Our Missionaries

Leonard A. Anderson of Sunset is in the Brooklyn district Eastern States Mission.
Zula B. Anderson of Sunset is laboring in Hudson district, Eastern States Mission.
Jack Fitzpatrick of Dimond is laboring in La Rochelle, France, French Mission.
George Millward of Berkeley is laboring in Richmond, Va., East Central States Mission.
Horace Cherrington of Dimond is in Sheffield, England, British Mission.
Evan Ray of San Francisco is in Wichita, Kas., Central States Mission.
Dorothy Kibner of Dimond is in Regenia, Canada, North Central States Mission.
Elwin Bagley of Oakland is in Buenos Aires, South American Mission.
Recently Released: Edna Phillips of Oakland from Eastern States.
Ray Engebretsen of Sunset from Norway.

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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

RELIEF SOCIETY

Real cheer was spread by the various organizaztions during the holiday season. Needy families, the aged, the shut-ins and others were remembered with tokens from ward societies. Dimond, Berkeley and Elmhurst each sent four boxes to the needy for Christmas dinner. Richmond provided three families, and Oakland and Mission each remembered seven. Sunset and Balboa remembered the aged with suitable gifts. The local missionaries were not forgotten. The Burlingame group found the real Christmas spirit, for they went caroling on the Eve, at the same time distributing small tokens and two boxes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS—Ward secretaries are requested to have their reports in to the Stake Secretary by January 5.

Ward work and business meeting for January will be on "First Aid" with a talk by a physicial or nurse.

Burlingame now meets at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays at American Legion Hall. Cooked food and rummage Sale late in January in Elmhurst.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

To all Sunday-school workers:

We greet you in this the first issue of "The Messenger." Your efforts in the Sunday-school cause during 1930 have no doubt brought you much joy and many blessings. Let us remember its joys and the things which bring spiritual development. It is our earnest desire, that during the new year we may profit by our past efforts and make of 1931 a banner year in Sunday-school work. May your labors during the coming year be full of joyful experiences which come to those who serve well in the cause of our Master.

John Soelberg
Norman S. Fjeldsted
Clarence S. Gardner
Stake Superintendency

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In the November Union Meeting a model Sunday-school class was presented by the San Francisco Ward. Miss Stella A. Morlan and twenty-five youngsters of the Primary class gave a general review of the Bible that was masterly as to fact and detail. Every sort of a question relating to the Bible characters from Genesis to Revelations were answered by the children of this class. Miss Morlan's handling of the class was very commendable and she is to be commended for her fine work.

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Y. M. M. I. A.

The Stake Board extends greetings to all Mutual workers in the stake and wards. We sincerely appreciate the cooperation of all in making the past year a most successful one. We appreciate the privilege of working with you in this great M. I. A. cause. We commend the spirit of determination manifested in your efforts to uphold Latter-day Saint ideals. Let us all "carry on" the work so well founded by our forefathers. The new year holds open the door of opportunity for personal growth through earnest participation in Mutual activities. In the conquest of happiness, we wish you a year brimming with joy—coming from unselfish service.

R. L. Hickman, Stake Supt.

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We are looking to ward presidents for a 100% attendance of all ward officers at the Union meeting, January 18th, 2:30 p. m. We desire a report on the Era and the annual General Fund.

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Y. L. M. I. A.

To all Stake and Ward workers, we extend heartiest good wishes for the new year. We deeply appreciate your loyalty, cooperation and earnest enthusiasm in the M. I. A. cause. Your adherance to our Latter-day Saint ideals will yield unending joy.

Triest P. Hall, President

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Every ward officer and teachers is invited to a "Get Acquainted" party, given in their honor by the Young Ladies' Stake Board, Thursday evening, January 29, at 8 o'clock, sharp. A good time and loads of fun are planned for you. Be there.

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All Stake Board members are requested to be in attendance at the Stake Officers' Meeting, Thursday, January 15th, 7:45 p. m.

PRIMARY

The Stake Board's annual party for the ward officers and teachers was held Saturday afternoon, December 27, and was a most successful affair. Games were played and refreshments were served. The committee in charge included Della Crockett, Blanche W. Severine and Beth K. Clyde.

The Primary will serve a hot dinner Sunday noon of Stake Conference, January 25th for the convenience of those attending the sessions.

Mrs. Wanda Chase, formerly of Long Beach, now of Oakland, is a new member of the Primary Stake Board.

Mrs. Beth K. Clyde expects to leave this month for Salt Lake. Her husband expects to join his brother there in business. We are sorry to lose Sister Clyde from the Stake Board. She has been an able and efficient worker.

Notice—On account of Stake Conference the Primary Union meeting will be held next Sunday, January 11 in conjunction with the Relief Society Union meeting.

Minnie Alice Hicken, Pres.

RECREATIONAL

The new year was given a rousing reception by the Stake Recreation committee. 1931 was ushered in by a grand ball held in the San Francisco ward hall New Year's Eve. Pres. Ray T. Lindsay was in charge of the affair, which was a complete success.

The New Year's party held in the Elmhurst hall was another social success and was crowded with young people from all parts of the Stake. A feature of the party was the beautiful flower corsages given to the young ladies present. Arrangements were under the direction of Pres. La-Ree S. Tolman and Gordon E. Wilkins.

The "Green and Gold" Ball, January 30th in San Francisco. Plan to be there. It's the "high-light" of the M. I. A. season.

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NEWS FROM THE WARDS

BALBOA

The Missionary Conference of the San Francisco District was held Dec. 20-21. The meetings were well attended and a splendid spirit prevailed. Discourses by the missionaries were well prepared, timely and spirited. The Saints rejoiced in the splendid spirit of the missionaries, and extend to them a cordial invitation to return again.

Bishop R. V. Pearson is now employed in the electrical department of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

The annual Christmas party for the children of the ward was given by the Sunday School and Primary. More than 125 were in attendance. A splendid program was rendered by the children. Gifts, candy and nuts were then distributed by Santa Claus.

Mrs. Mary Williams of Wellsville, Utah spent the holidays visiting with her son and family, Edward L. Williams of the bishopric.

ELMHURST

The first of a series of cottage missionary meetings sponsored by the Seventies group, was held Sunday afternoon, December 28 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Calder. An outpouring of the spirit was manifest to the delight of all present.

Larry R. Folsom and family have returned to the ward from Napa, where they resided for several months. Everybody is delighted.

BERKELEY

The Mutual presented an interesting program at the regular conjoint meeting last Sunday evening.

The following program was given: Resolutions Mothers Should Make, Mrs. R. H. Evans; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Carl A. Lund; Resolutions Wives Should Make, Mrs. Theo. G. Ruegg; Piano Solo, Miss Isabel Banning; Resolutions Husbands Should Make, I. B. Ball; Resolutions Young Women Should Make, Regenia Moody.

The Fi-Wo-Ca Club held their annual holiday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McLaughlin Saturday evening, January 3. Dinner was served to the members and their husbands.

Mrs. Rachel Ball is recovering from an attack of influenzza.

MISSION

Joseph Bjork of the Sunday School superintendency has returned to his former home in Halliday, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. John Veeminga spent the Xmas holidays in Northern Utah.

Mrs. Alex. D. Edgar has returned from Salt Lake where she visited with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Strong of American Fork were the Christmas guests of Bishop and Mrs. Fred Merrill.

Harold Jenson, Y. M. M. I. A. president, spent the holidays with his wife and children in Rupert, Idaho. They will return with him.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bott announce the birth of a baby boy. They recently moved back here from Logan, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Phelps are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy December 3rd.

SUNSET

Ray Engebretsen has been sustained as Second Counselor to Bishop Carl Kjar. He has just returned from a mission to Norway. He was secretary of the Norwegian Mission and presided over the Oslo branch. During his mission, his wife and son lived in Ogden. All are in San Francisco again, and the ward welcomes them home.

Mrs. Edith W. Pendleton and baby are visiting with her mother Mrs. Ezra Williams of Taylorville, Utah.

The annual Christmas party was held December 22 in the ward hall. A fine program was rendered, and Santa Claus appeared promptly to the delight of the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Winter and two daughters, are new members of the ward, coming from Portland, Ore. He has been appointed Aaronic Priesthood supervisor of the ward.

MARTINEZ

The annual Christmas party of the Ward held December 23, was one of the most successful events of the year. A splendid program was given by children of the Sunday School and Primary. Gifts were distributed by Santa Claus and refreshments were served. There was a large attendance, many coming from Walnut Creek, Concord and Crockett.

OAKLAND

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stirrat entertained at dinner Friday evening. The guests included, Bishop and Mrs. Eugene B. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. James Kay. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carruth, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Nelson and Pres. and Mrs. W. Aird Macdonald.

Final drive to finish the painting of the Chapel will be started this week. The Bishopric hope to complete the remodeling before the end of the month.

SAN FRANCISCO

Miss Mildred Larabee and Mr. Reuel N. Pomeroy of the San Francisco Ward were married Christmas morning by Bishop C. W. Nalder. The bride was attended by Mrs. Ted Haslem, and the groom by Paul C. Dana of the Bishopric. Many invited guests witnessed the wedding which was held at the home of the groom's cousin, Mrs. Ethel Jauert. The couple will be at home at 1956 Fell St. The groom is an attorney, and the bride was a dental nurse.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bradford of the University of Utah are spending the winter in San Francisco. Their daughter Miss Nettie Bradford spent the holidays with her parents. Mrs. Bradford is a member of the General Board of Relief Societies.

President Leonard K. Jones of the San Juan Stake, accompanied by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Kuman Jones are wintering in San Francisco. Their son, Francis Jones, returned to Blanding to spend the holidays.

DIMOND

No news received from Bishop. Watch this space next month.

RICHMOND

No news received. Send in items of interest.

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